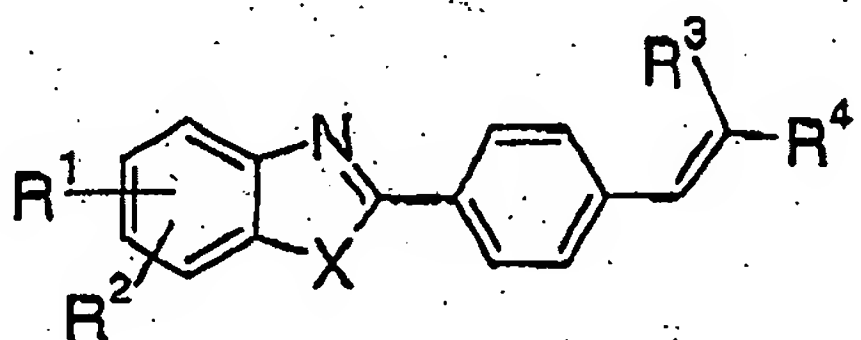


Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original): A compound of general formula I



wherein

R¹ and R² are, independently from each other, hydrogen; halogen; hydroxy; (C₁-C₂₀)-alkyl; (C₂-C₂₀)-alkenyl; or (C₁-C₂₀)-alkoxy;

X is oxygen or an imino group, optionally substituted with R¹;

R³ and R⁴ are, independently from each other, cyano; -COOR⁵; -COR⁶; -CONH₂; -CONHR⁷; or -CONR⁸R⁹;

R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹ are, independently from each other, hydrogen; (C₁-C₂₀)-alkyl, wherein one or more methylene groups are optionally replaced by one or more oxygens; (C₁-C₂₀)-haloalkyl; (C₂-C₂₀)-alkenyl, optionally substituted by tri-(C₁-C₅)-alkylsilyl, triphenylsilyl or a group -Si[CH₃]_n[OSi(CH₃)₃]_{3-n}, wherein n is 0, 1, 2 or 3.

2. (Original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein X is O.

3. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein R¹ and R² are hydrogen.

4. (Currently amended): A compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-3~~ wherein R³ is cyano and R⁴ is -COOR⁵.

5. (Original): A compound according to claim 4 which is:

2-cyano-3-{4-[5-tert.-butyl-benzoxazol-2-yl]-phenyl}-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester

or

2-cyano-3-{4-benzoxazol-2-yl-phenyl}-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester.

6. (Currently amended): The compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein R^3 and R^4 are, independently from each other, $-\text{COOR}^5$.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 6 which is:

2-(4-benzoxazol-2-yl-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;

2-(4-benzoxazol-2-yl-benzylidene)-malonic acid dibutyl ester;

3-{4-benzoxazol-2-yl-phenyl}-2-propionyl-acrylic acid 2-ethylhexyl ester;

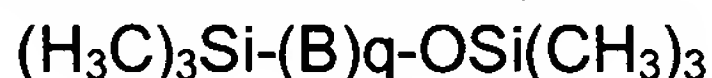
2-(4-[6-hydroxy-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;

2-(4-[6-{2-ethylhexyl-oxy}-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester;

or

2-(4-[6-[2-(2-ethoxy-ethoxy)-ethoxy]-benzoxazol-2-yl]-benzylidene)-malonic acid diethyl ester.

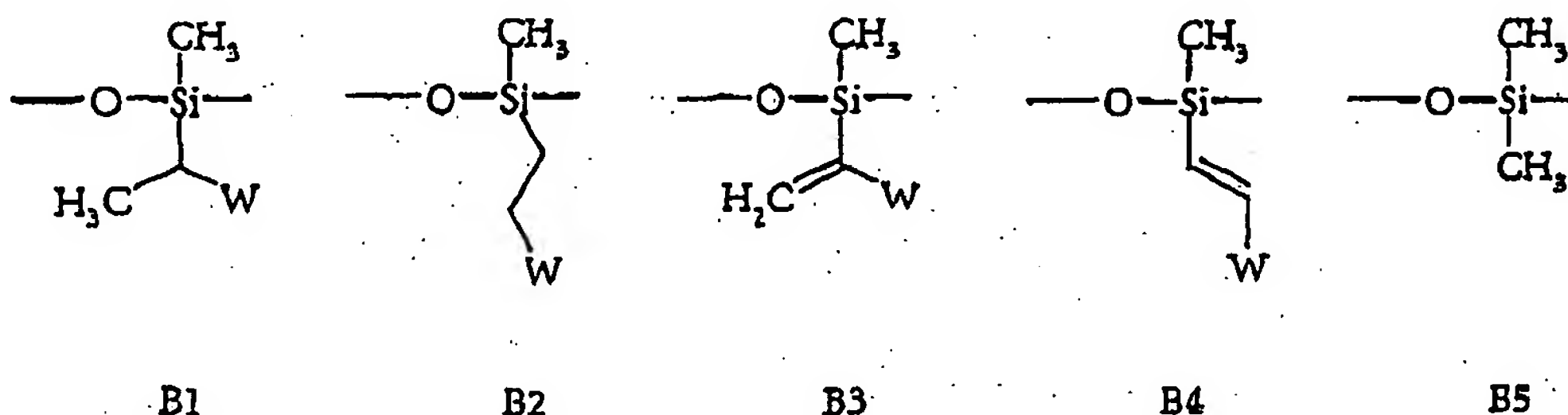
8. (Original): A polysiloxane of the general formula



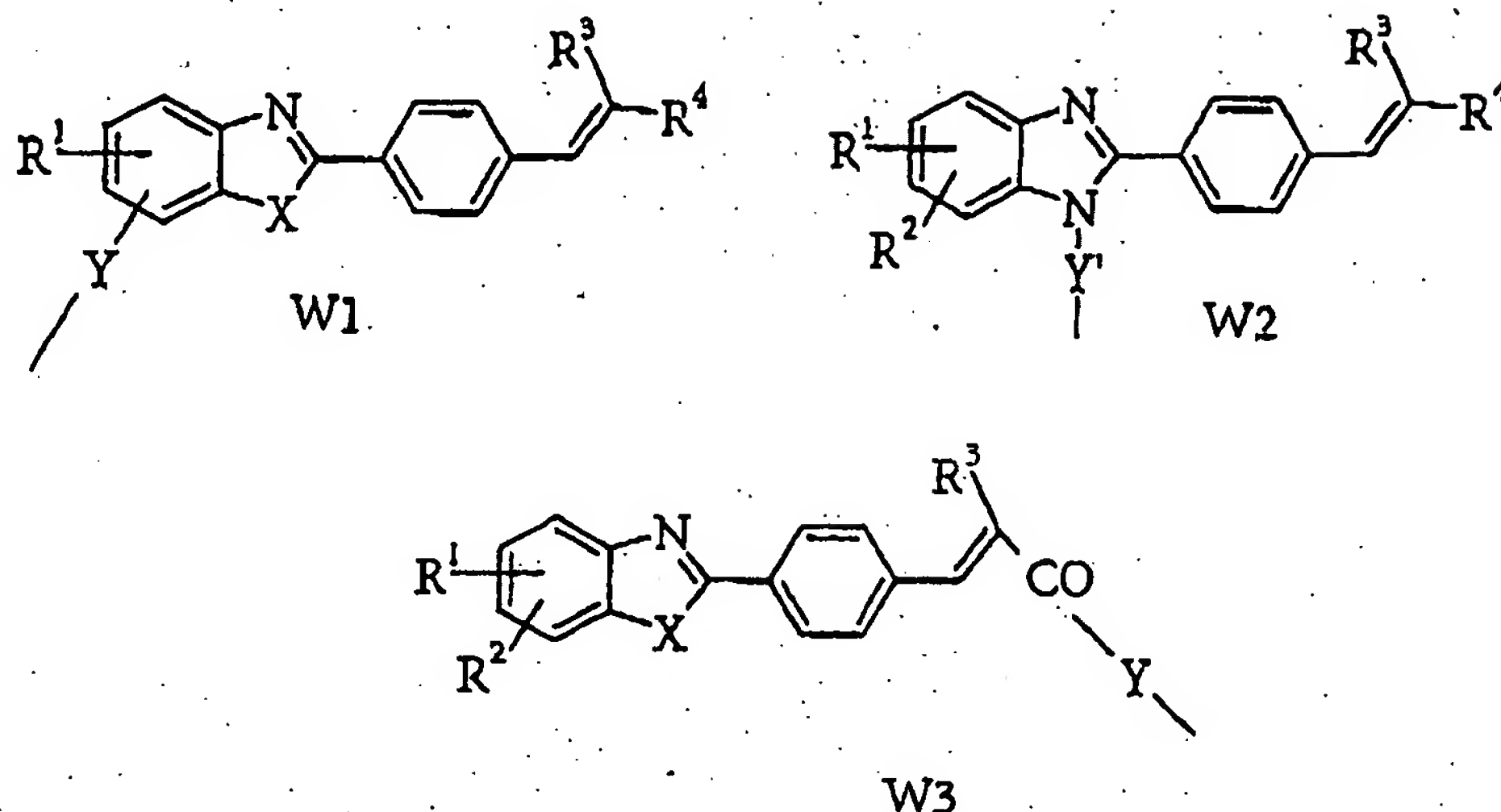
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wherein

B is a residue selected from the group consisting of B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5;



W is a residue from the group consisting of W1, W2 and W3



wherein X, R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are as defined in claim 1 above; Y is oxygen; (C₁-C₂₀)-alkylene, (C₂-C₂₀)-alkenylene, or -O-(C₁-C₂₀)-alkylene; and Y' is (C₁-C₂₀)-alkylene or (C₂-C₂₀)-alkenylene.

q is an integer between 1 and 400 and represents the sum of residues B1 to B5 in arbitrary sequence,

wherein at least one B is B1, B2, B3 or B4, the ratio

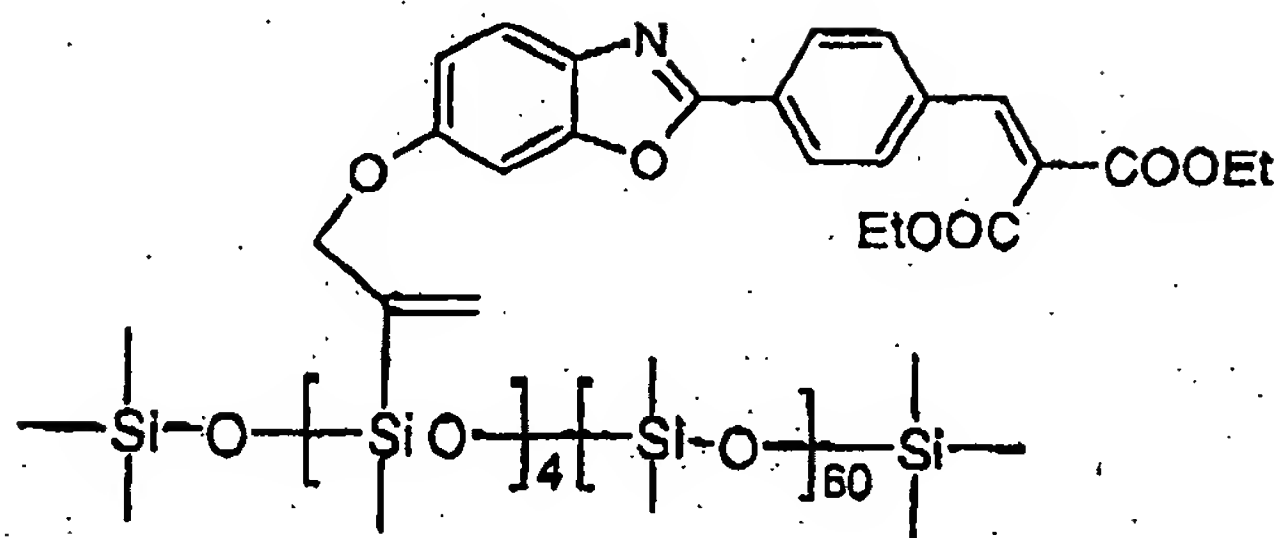
$$(B1+B2+B3+B4)/(B1+B2+B3+B4+B5)$$

not exceeding 0.6.

9. (Original): A polysiloxane according to claim 8, wherein q is an integer between 2 and 100.

10. (Currently amended): A polysiloxane according to claim 8 [[or 9]], wherein the ratio
 $(B1+B2+B3+B4)/(B1+B2+B3+B4+B5)$ varies between 0.01 and 0.4.

11. (Currently amended): A polysiloxane according to claim 10 which is



12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently amended): A method ~~The use of a compound according to claim 12 for protecting human skin or human hair from UV-A irradiation comprising applying a photoprotective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the human skin or human hair.~~

14. (Currently amended): A method ~~The use of a compound according to claim 12 for protecting a plastic materials and or a medicinal product[[s]] that is are sensitive to UV radiation from UV-A irradiation comprising applying a photoprotective amount of a compound according to claim 1 to the plastic material or medicinal product.~~

15. (Currently amended): A composition ~~Compositions comprising a one or more compound[[s]] according to claim 1 of anyone of claims 1 to 11 and at least one pharmaceutically and/or cosmetically acceptable excipient.~~

16. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 15, wherein the compound according to claim 1 is ~~/compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 are present in an amount varying between 0.5 and 20 % by weight of the total amount of the composition.~~

17. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 16 wherein the compound according to claim 1 is ~~/compounds of anyone of claims 1 to 11 are present in an amount varying between 0.5 and 12% by weight of the total amount of the composition.~~

18. (Currently amended): A composition according to claim 15, ~~16 or 17~~ which is a topical composition.

19. (Canceled).

20. (New): A composition according to claim 16 which is a topical composition.

21. (New): A composition according to claim 17 which is a topical composition.